

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The epitope-bearing portion of claim 15, which~~
An epitope-bearing portion of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4 for producing an antibody that binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said epitope comprises amino acids HLPGNKSPHRDPAPR (SEQ ID NO:8).

Claims 19-59 (Cancelled)

60. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

61. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.